



## Evaluating Patients for Ebola Infection

Patient with symptoms consistent with Ebola\*

**AND**

Patient returned from Guinea, Liberia, or Sierra Leone within the last 21 days?

**OR**

Patient had direct contact with a confirmed Ebola case?

**YES**

- Step away from patient (example leave room) and wash hands immediately.
- Isolate the patient (private room/exam room preferably with toilet or covered commode).
- **IMMEDIATELY CALL IDPH at 800-362-2736 - After hours call: 515-323-4360 (Iowa State Patrol "State Radio" will page the person on call).** a discussion on patient's medical condition will occur.
- IDPH will arrange for a designated EMS to transport the patient to a designated medical facility ASAP (within hours).
- Do not draw blood or collect other specimens. No laboratory testing is needed at this time.
- Avoid all direct contact. If interaction is absolutely necessary; use face shield and face mask, impermeable gown, and 2 pairs of gloves.
- Provide hydration.

**NO**

- Patient is not at risk for developing Ebola.
- Patient **DOES NOT** meet the CDC criteria for Ebola testing.
- Investigate other causes of illness.
- Use precautions appropriate to symptoms.

\*Symptoms consistent with Ebola infection includes: fever, severe headache, muscle pain, weakness, diarrhea, vomiting, abdominal (stomach) pain or unexplained hemorrhage (bleeding or bruising)